

electronically transmitting the provisioning requests to the providers based on the determination.

(C) 42. (Amended) The computer program product of claim ²³ 38, wherein deciphering includes:

selecting product codes corresponding to the received bundle code from a stored table.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 38-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner pointed out that claims 38-41, which depend from independent claim 37, lack clear antecedent basis. In response, Applicants have amended claims 37-42 to provide clear antecedent basis. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the indefiniteness rejection of claims 38-42.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 37-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner noted that “[d]ata structures not claims as embodied in computer-readable media are descriptive material per se and are not statutory . . .” The Examiner further noted that “[a] claimed computer program product . . . is statutory.”

Applicants have amended independent claim 37 to recite “A computer program product containing instructions for causing a data processor to perform a method, the method comprising: storing a set of bundle codes, each bundle code indicating a set of products offered by a plurality of providers.” In light of this amendment, Applicants

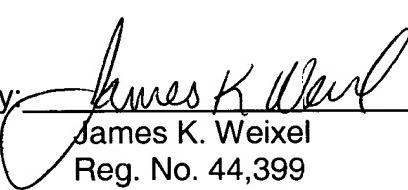
respectfully submit that independent claim 37, as amended, recites statutory subject matter and request that the Examiner withdraw the nonstatutory subject matter rejection of claim 37. For at least the same reason, Applicants also request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claims 38-42, which depend from claim 37, either directly or indirectly.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 07-2339.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM CHANGES APPENDIX

37. (Thrice Amended) A computer program product containing instructions for causing a data processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

[a database configured to store] storing a set of bundle codes, each bundle code indicating a set of products offered by a plurality of providers;

[a computer usable medium configured to receive] receiving a request identifying a customer and including a bundle code;

[a computer usable medium configured to convert] converting a portion of the received request into a set of provisioning requests based on the received bundle code; and

[a computer usable medium configured to provide] providing the provisioning requests to the plurality of providers.

38. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein [the] converting [module] includes:

[a module configured to] deciphering the bundle code to identify the plurality of providers for the selected products.

39. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein [the] provisioning [module] includes:

[a module configured to store] storing information from the received request as a customer record.

40. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein [the] provisioning [module] includes:

[a module configured to determine] determining a means for providing each of the provisioning requests to the providers.

41. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein [the] provisioning [module] includes:

[a module configured to] electronically transmitting the provisioning requests to the providers based on the determination.

42. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 38, wherein [the] deciphering [module] includes:

[a module configured to] selecting product codes corresponding to the received bundle code from a stored table.